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THURSDAY : : : January 13th.

SUGAR DUTY IN THE STATES.

This city was somewhat excited the

other day by a statement to the effect

that Senator Edmunds had introduced a

bill in Congress to abolish the sugar

duty and compensate Southern planters

by a bounty on their production. Our

advisers from the Coast are silent on the

point, but Eastern dispatches furnish

the groundwork of the story. A Wash-

ington dispatch of December 27th states

that a silent, but apparently a very ef-

fective effort is being made to get the

Committee on Ways and Means to report

a bill reducing the tariff on sugar 25 per

cent. It is said that Morrison proposes

to bring in a bill by February 1st which

will make this change. There is no

doubt that the Eastern refiners are ur-

ging this, and there are a number of Re-

publicans who have pronounced in favor

of it, but the great majority of Republi-

cans are opposed to this method of re-

ducing the revenue.

A petition had been circulated among

the Republican members of the House

by Representative Long, of Massachu-

setts, to be presented to the Committee

of Ways and Means, asking the intro-

duction of a bill reducing the sugar tariff,

abolishing the tobacco tax and reducing

tax on spirits. McKenna of Calif-

ornia opposes the reduction of the sugar

tariff because he hopes that the beet

sugar industry will be developed in his

State by protection. "It is not probable

that the committee will have any effect

on the Committee of Ways and Means,"

is the concluding sentence of his dis-

patch.

Another dispatch states that Randall

has undertaken to prepare a bill to re-

duce the national revenue by repealing

the tax on tobacco and fruit brandy, and

reducing the duty on distilled spirits.

This was to be a Democratic party measure.

These are the only pointers in the

news, and it will be seen that they furnish

little or no foundation for the story in

question.

THE NEWS.

The news by the Australia is full of

interest. The break-up of the Tory Ad-

ministration by the withdrawal of Lord

Randolph Churchill was a political sur-

prise for most people were not pre-

pared. A Coalition Ministry has been

formed with Lord Salisbury as Pre-

mier, Mr. Goschen succeeds Churchill as

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord

Northbrook succeeds Cross, and as the

Earl of Iddesleigh announced his in-

tervention to resign the seals of the Foreign

Office, another Liberal Peer will prob-

ably be appointed in his place. Lord

Hartington declined to join the Coalition

Ministry, but promised the Government

his support. On the other hand, a recon-

ciliation is not improbable between

"Bulletin" of San Francisco attributes the stoppage of the Belcher Refinery of St. Louis, one of the largest in the Union. The outlook is for continued low prices, production increasing steadily through improved methods of manufacture and other economies. Mr. Steele, a sugar refiner of San Francisco, stated to a "Call" reporter that "the outlook for the coming season is not by any means so favorable as that of 1886, for owing to the lack of good rains at the proper points for the development of the Hawaiian crop, the output will probably be some fifteen to twenty thousand tons less than that of the previous season, and will only amount to about 95,000 tons." This is a conservative estimate, and will probably be exceeded.

Touching the world's crop of raw sugar for 1887, "Bradstreet's" figures out an excess of 593,000 tons in the producing countries for the crop year of 1886-87 over the year ending October 1, 1886. This total is made up from M. Licht's November estimate of the beet sugar crop, in which he places the excess over last year at 453,000 tons. Cuba is put down at 725,000 tons for the ensuing year, an excess of 35,000 tons over the year just ended. Brazil promises 50,000 tons excess, and Demerara 10,000 excess. The countries showing a deficiency are Mauritius, 15,000 tons; Porto Rico, 5,000 tons, and Hawaiian Islands, 20,000 tons. Other producing countries are put down the same as for the year just closed. Deducting the deficiency of 40,000 tons in the three countries named from the excess of 548,000 tons in Europe and the West Indies and Brazil, and there is a net excess of 508,000 tons for the ensuing year over that just closed. It will be noticed that these figures have to do entirely with foreign sugars. As an offset to this excess of 508,000 tons in the foreign sugar crop, a deficiency of 40,000 tons is reported in the Louisiana sugar crop. Heavy rains in the West Indies have delayed grinding, and the excess there will have to be reduced to 10,000 tons. On the other hand the deficiency in the Hawaiian Islands is put at the highest figure. Some think the deficiency there will not be over 10,000 tons.

Despite the low price of sugar in the past year, we are closing the year in the United States with a larger stock than for any corresponding period in a number of years, remarks the San Francisco "Bulletin," from which the foregoing details are taken. The visible supply of the world at the close of the year was estimated at 788,782 tons against 861,147 tons at corresponding period last year. Our contemporary anticipates a reaction in prices during 1887, but the New York "Shipping List" does not coincide in that view. It says: "The general improvement that has taken place during the past six months in trade and commercial affairs generally, has been thus far without much influence upon the sugar market, and after drifting slowly but steadily downward, prices have touched within the past month the lowest level ever known in this country, and there remained with but little hope of permanent reaction."

Following are the fluctuations in prices at the Coast for the past year:

	Cash'd.	Gran.	Golden
January 1.....	7 1/2c	6 1/2c	5 1/2c
February 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
March 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
April 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
May 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
June 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
July 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
August 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
September 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
October 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
November 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c
December 1.....	6 1/2c	5 1/2c	4 1/2c

Railroad Accident in Massachusetts

Honolulu People Hurt.

On January 4th, Mitteneque station,

near Springfield, Mass., was the scene of

a railroad accident. The "Modoc" train

from Albany approached the depot an

hour behind time and running at the

rate of about thirty-five miles per hour.

When within a few rods of the depot five

or six cars in the train were thrown

from the track by a broken wheel under

the baggage car. The train consisted of

an engine, an express car, baggage car,

smoking car, day coach and two sleepers

to the engine. An express car kept on

the main track, but the baggage car was

thrown against the engine of the local

west-bound freight train, which had not

been pulled in and was standing on the west-

bound main track. The freight engine

was thrown on its side and completely

wrecked. The baggage car, smoking

car and day coach immediately took fire

and were consumed. Two persons were

injured, some probably fatally. Among

the passengers on the train were Mr. T.

Dyer, who formerly kept a barber's shop

on Hotel street, and his two daughters,

Emeline and Mary. The two former

were badly bruised and cut, while the

latter escaped with a flesh wound on the

LATEST NEWS.

By the Oceanic Company's steamship Australia we have dates to January 5th inclusive. Following is a summary of the news:

The California State Legislature is in session, and a strong opposition to George Hearst for the United States Senate is being developed.

By a railroad collision near Tiffin, Ohio, over twenty lives were lost. The wrecked cars caught fire from the overturned stoves and lamps and burned the occupants.

A gang of forgers were arrested at Liverpool while engaged in forging coupons of the International Loan bonds. The police seized counterfeiting machinery and false coupons to the amount of \$30,000.

Thirty miners were imprisoned by an explosion in a coalpit at Mons, Belgium. Six of the men have been taken out dead.

Two steamers and four barges were burned on the Mississippi. Loss, \$1,000,000.

Dynamite was placed under the Geary street railroad track, San Francisco, with fuse attached, but was discovered and removed. The striking car operatives repudiate responsibility for the contemplated destruction of life and property. Rioting and wrecking of cars continue.

Lord Randolph Churchill's resignation was imparted to the "Times" without the knowledge of his colleagues, and by himself. The relations between Lord Randolph and the editor of the "Times" have long been rather intimate. He is without a defender, however, and stands alone. He resisted every effort to induce him to remain in the Ministry. The Queen did her utmost. Lord Randolph visited Her Majesty at Windsor in company with Lord George Hamilton, with whom he is neither personally nor officially on good terms, and the three talked matters over, but without result.

Six soldiers were killed by a gas explosion in the Cambridge barracks, Portsmouth, January 2d. Twenty-one more were found and extricated from the ruins of the barracks. All of the rescued were more or less injured.

A "World's" London special says: The Queen is breaking down very rapidly, and she is conscious that her life cannot be spared many years longer. The only shadow over the jubilee year is a general apprehension among the people of England that the Queen may not live until the year is completed. The appearance of old age is most clearly marked in her jubilee portrait, which has just been completed and placed in the gallery leading to her private apartments at Windsor.

About two hundred lives were lost throughout Germany in a recent snow storm.

John Roach, the great American ship-builder, was reported dying at latest date.

A Fort Worth, Texas, dispatch of January 2d states that there are 30,000 people in twenty-two counties of that State in immediate need of food, clothing and fuel, while thousands more are in need of seed to plant for the coming year. An appeal to Congress and the State Legislature on their behalf is being made.

Seventeen seamen were drowned as the result of a collision off the coast of Wales.

A fire in Wood-street, London, January 1st, destroyed an enormous amount of property.

British successes in Burmah are reported.

Three Hundred Persons Perish in Fifteen Minutes.

MADRAS, January 2d.—The fire in the reserved inclosure at the People's Park on Friday lasted only fifteen minutes.

It is now ascertained that 300 persons lost their lives, being either burned to death or suffocated, while the number injured is placed at the same figures.

The Commander-in-Chief and the First Prince of Travancore, who were present, escaped uninjured. Among the victims were two European women, and many European children are missing. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

The Fisheries War.

CHICAGO, January 5th.—The "Times" Ottawa (Ont.) special of January 4th says: The Commanders of Canadian cruisers have been instructed to make all seizures in future for violation of the fishery regulations under the provisions of the Act just assented to by the British Government, which means confiscation, and not under the customs regulations, as has been the case up to the present time, with one exception—that of the Highland Light, over which there is likely to be some trouble. The war has already begun, as announced by the Fisheries Department here to-day, in the seizure of the American fisher schooner Stevenson by the Dominion cruiser General Middleton for breach of the fishery laws. Without the support of the Imperial Government the Dominion authorities could do but little, but by its assent to the Act that the British Government is willing to stand by them, they state that while keeping within the law they are determined to seize and confiscate every foreign vessel encroaching on Canadian fishing grounds.

Great Helitau.

LONDON, January 4th.—Lord Salisbury finds that his progress in the reconstruction of the Cabinet is impeded by party jealousies over Goschen's appointment. The whole influence of the Carlton Club is exerted to persuade Lord Iddesleigh and Viscount Cross to remain in office, and Lord Iddesleigh pleads that he is in ill-health and unable to sustain the fatigues of the Foreign Office, and he will persist in his determination to re-

tire. Viscount Cross is uncertain as to what he will do. The only positive result announced to-day has been the Earl of Northbrook's consent to join Goschen in a Conservative Cabinet. It has not yet been decided which portfolio will be given to him.

The Conservative opposition is mainly directed against Lord Northbrook's party because he is suspected of sympathizing with Gladstone and partly because he has hitherto been hostile to Lord Salisbury's foreign and Indian policy. When Lord Salisbury was in the Indian office, in 1878, Lord Northbrook resigned the Vice-royalty of India because he differed from Salisbury regarding the latter's Afghan policy. If Goschen insists upon nominating two Cabinet colleagues, the Conservatives prefer the Marquis of Lansdowne and the Earl of Morley.

Chamberlain seeks a reconciliation with Gladstone. He has summoned a private meeting of leading members of the Radical Union to consult upon the terms of a compromise. Nobody, however, believes that a conference will result successfully. The Parnellites are a supreme obstacle to a compromise and they will not accede to anything short of the submission of Chamberlain. A speaker at to-day's meeting of the National League at Dublin declared his unabated distrust and hatred of Chamberlain.

Parliament has been prorogued until January 28th.

Salisbury has sent a cable dispatch to the Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor General of Canada, asking him if he would be willing to join the Ministry.

New York, January 4th.—The "Post's" London special says: Goschen cannot be a leader of the House for physical reasons, being extremely short-sighted and husky. W. H. Smith is almost certain to have the position temporarily. Of the Liberal peers, Northbrook and Lord Morley will probably have a joint Cabinet at India or the War Office. The coalition has thus been definitely formed without Hartington. Political observers are now calmly awaiting its collapse.

Irish Affairs.

DUBLIN, January 4th.—The trial of the case against Messrs. Dillon, O'Brien, Sheehy, Harris, Crilly and Redmond, for alleged conspiracy in receiving rents, as trustees under the "plan of campaign," was resumed to-day. All the defendants were present except Redmond and Harris, both of whom were absent on account of illness. Harris, who is the Parnellite member of Parliament for East Galway, is suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, which has assumed a dangerous phase. The Crown closed its case, and the trial was adjourned.

The fortnightly meeting of the Executive Committee of the National League was held here to-day. The different speakers ridiculed the idea that Goschen's acceptance of the Chancellorship of the Exchequer would be the means of saving the present Conservative Ministry. The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$25,000 in donations to the League's fund during the past two weeks from the United States.

The New York "Star's" London cable special says: I have good reason to know that Gladstone looks at the situation from the standpoint of home rule as more hopeful than at any time since he took a hand in the struggle. Morley shares his confidence, and is naturally elated at the extraordinary change in the situation.

Police Court.

BEFORE POLICE JUSTICE DAYTON.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th.

One case of drunkenness was dealt with.

Y. Anim, charged with assault and battery on his wife, was remanded to the 17th instant.

A Hung, charged with escaping from Officer Keahona while on the road to prison, was remanded till to-day.

Lampio, alias Lanchue, a Chinaman, was charged with cruelty to an ox, the property of the Domingo Lopez estate, which had strayed on to the ground worked by the defendant and some others of his countrymen. He was alleged to have made a deep gash in the rump, from which blood was flowing freely. Remanded for judgment till to-day.

Death of a Band Boy.

On Tuesday afternoon William Piikoi, a son of Mr. William Wond by his first wife, Lydia Piikoi, died of galloping consumption. The deceased was a member of the Royal Hawaiian Band for two years, playing the cornet. His poor health compelled him to give it up. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and was largely attended. The King's Own, of which the deceased was a member, turned out and took part in the funeral procession to the grave, as did also the members of the Royal Hawaiian Band. Piikoi was about twenty-three years of age.

Royal Birthday—No Reception.

Her Royal Highness Princess Likeli enters upon her thirty-seventh year this day, she having been born January 13, 1851. It is matter of sincere regret, therefore, that it is announced that owing to severe indisposition Her Royal Highness is unable to hold a reception at her Waikiki residence. Were it otherwise, the birthday of Princess Likeli would call out a large number of native Hawaiians and foreigners to pay their respectful congratulations upon the auspicious occasion. It is to be hoped that this exalted lady will soon be restored to vigorous health.

Myron H. Jones, organist of the

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Honolulu, January 12th.

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